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SUBJ: SHAH COMMENTS ON ISRAELI LEADERSHIP

1. AT AUDIENCE AFTERNOON APRIL 16, THE SHAH MENTIONED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD TOLD QUOTE HIS PEOPLE UNQUOTE THAT HE WAS GENUINELY SAD ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO GOLDA MEIR. (ASSUME SADAT MADE THIS COMMENT TO MINISTER OF ECONOMY ANSARY.) THIS LED THE SHAH TO COMMENT ON ISRAELI LEADERSHIP PROBLEM. HIS CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER IS CLEARLY YITZAK RABIN. HE FEELS THAT RABIN, AS THE HERO OF THE '67 WAR, HAS THE TOUGHNESS, INTELLIGENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE THE KIND OF LEADER ISRAEL REQUIRES IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HE FEELS, AS DO MANY OTHERS, THAT A WEAK ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS A DISTINCT INPEDIMENT TO MOVING ALONG WITH DISENGAGEMENT ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND GENERAL PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE AREA. THE SHAH MENTIONED ALLON AS BEING BRIGHT BUT QUOTE TOO WEAK UNQUOTE, HE OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT KNOW THE MAYOR OF HAIFA, AND ENDED HIS COMMENTS BY SAYING QUOTE IF I AM ASKED, I WILL RECOMMEND RABIN UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THERE WAS NO INTIMATION THAT THE SHAH WOULD BE ASKED HIS OPINION, AND THEREFORE THE FOREGOING MAY BE REGARDED AS QUOTE THINKING OUT LOUD UNQUOTE. I PASS IT ALONG, HOWEVER, BECAUSE ISRAEL'S DEPENDENCE ON IRAN FOR AT LEAST HALF OF ITS OIL WOULD APPEAR TO ENTITLE THE SHAH TO A POINT OF VIEW IF NOT

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